



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE SIGNED

---MEDIA STATEMENT---

(August 18, 2008)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez announced today that he has signed the Immigration Ordinance passed last week by the Hartford's Court of Common Council.

The Mayor states, "First and foremost, there is zero tolerance for crime in the City of Hartford. We need everyone to cooperate with the police to report criminal activity. It is and has been the policy of this administration not to penalize people who come forward with information to help make the city safer. Our obligation to comply with federal law has not changed. The ordinance requires that the police notify federal authorities if an arrestee turns out to be undocumented. It also requires that city employees deny any federally funded services to illegal immigrants if required to do so under federal law. I want to thank Council for endorsing and supporting my policy."